of the great freedom fighter and pratrict, late Mahamana Madan Mohan Malaviya, in view of the fact that Government have decided to celebrate his 125th birth anniversary; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANOSH MOHAN DEV). (a) and (b) The proposal was considered by the Philatelic Advisory Committee which functions in the Department of Posts to advise the Government about issue of commemorative|special postage stamps and other Philatelic matters but was not recommended. At its meeting held on 22.12.86. A stamp on this personality was issued on his birth centenary on 25.12.1961 in the denomination of 15 Paise.

Attachment of Tiruchchi-Mangalore Coach to Mangalore Mail

212. SHRI K. GOPALAN:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times, year wise, during the last three years, the Tiruchchi-Mangalore Coach of 31 Express missed being attached to No. 1 Manage-missed being attached to No. Managalore Mail at Erode;

(b) whether any Member of Parliament has made any complaint in this regard, if so, the details thereof and action taken against the concerned officials; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that this coach does not miss its connection at Erode in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The coach missed connection on 1 occasion in 1984, 2 occasions in 1985 and 1 occasion in 1986.

(b) and (c) a complaint was received for the mis-connection on 1.7.1986. On each of the above occasions connection was missed due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances.

Production of Inland Water Vessels

213. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific plan has been formulated for increasing the production of inland water vesels to improve inland water transport of men and material; and

(b) if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) An outlay of Rs. 26.67 crores has been earmarked in the 7th Five-Year Plan for modernisation and augmenting the ship-building and ship repair capacity particularly for inland vessels, of the Rajabagan Dockyard of Central Inland Water Transport Corporation Ltd., Calcutta. Further an outlay of Rs. 4.00 crores has been earmarked in the 7th Plan for the ongoing scheme of grant of interest subsidy to IWT entrepreneurs for purchase of naw inland water vessels.

Closure of Post Office in Muktasar City

214. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a faact thata the Post Office in Sadar Bazar area of MUKtasar city in Punjab is lying closed since August 31, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the closure of the said Post Office has caused a lot of inconveniencies to the public of the area; and

(c) if so, whaat are the reasons of closing down the said Post Office and what